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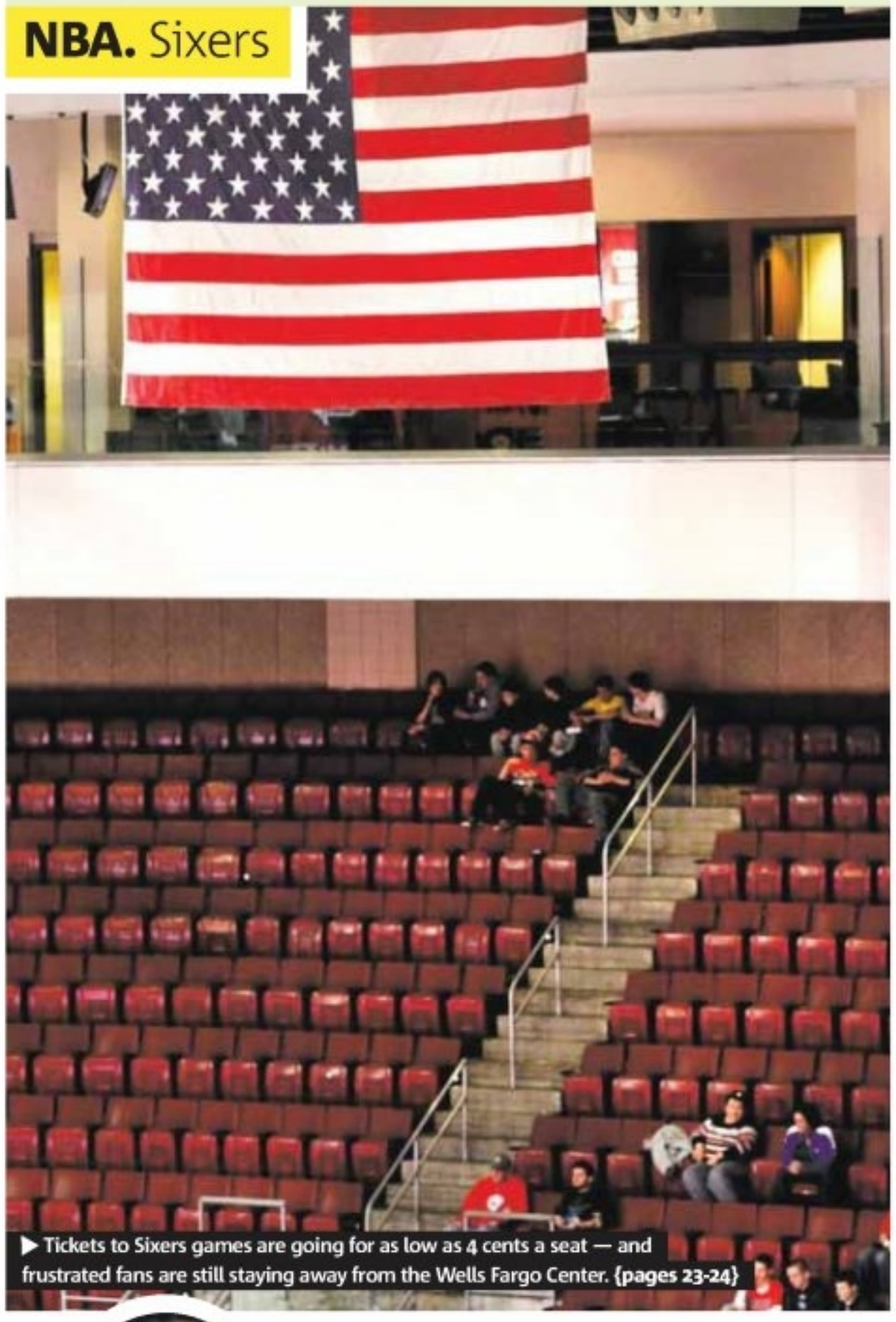

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Paterno family report calls Freeh's findings unobjective

STATE COLLEGE. Grieving widow Sue Paterno on Sunday released her own report on the Penn State scandal in an apparent attempt to rewrite her late husband's tarnished legacy.

In "Paterno — The Record," a team assembled by the Paterno family and led by former Attorney General Dick Thornburgh, challenged the findings of former FBI Director Louis Freeh in his 2012 report.

The group concluded, "the Freeh report was a failure that does not meet the basic requirements of a thorough, objective and fair investigation."

The Freeh report, published in July 2012, stated that Paterno and other school officials knew about allegations of child sexual abuse directed at former assistant coach Jerry Sandusky as early as 1998 and didn't disclose them.

The Paterno family's investigation found "no evidence that Joe Paterno deliberately covered up known incidents of child molestation by Jerry Sandusky to protect Penn State football or for any other reason."

Freeh said in a news release Sunday that he "respect[s] the right of the Paterno family to hire private lawyers and former government officials to conduct public media campaigns in an effort to shape the legacy of Joe Paterno.

"However, the self-serving report the Paterno family has issued today does not change the facts established in the Freeh Report or alter the conclusions reached in the Freeh Report," Freeh wrote. "I stand by our conclusion that four of the most powerful people at Penn State failed to protect against a child sexual predator harming children for over a decade."

In response to Freeh's comments, Washington lawyer Wick Sollers, who was a part of the team commissioned by the Paternos, said Freeh "criticizes a report he obviously hadn't had time to read and consider.

"A failure to consider the facts carefully is exactly the problem our expert analysis highlights," Sollers said.

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▶ Upon learning of his death in January 2012, hundreds visited Paterno's statue at Penn State and left mementos. The statue has since been torn down.

Allegations and response

The Paterno family report claims:

- Joe Paterno did not participate in a conspiracy to cover up Sandusky's actions because of a fear of bad publicity or for any other reason.
- The football culture at Penn State was not to blame for Sandusky's crimes.
- Freeh failed to conduct interviews with key witnesses, did not have subpoena power, none of the interviewees testified under oath and witnesses were allowed to speak anonymously.

Freeh responded:

- Paterno knew for at least 13 years that Sandusky, who was one of his longest serving assistants and whose office was steps away, was most likely a serial pedophile.
- Mike McQueary, in 2001, directly reported to Joe Paterno that Sandusky was sexually abusing a young boy in the Penn State football locker room.
- The evidence shows that Paterno purposefully ignored this evidence.

Quoted

"The assertion by Mr. Freeh that somehow the Paterno family declined to cooperate with his investigators is an unfortunate distortion of the truth."

SOLLERS, IN RESPONSE TO THE FREEH REPORT

In the news

Man fatally shot in back

FERN ROCK. A man was shot and killed Friday evening on the 5600 block of North 13th Street near Olney Avenue. Police said the victim, 25, was shot once in the back shortly before 7:45 p.m. He was taken to Albert Einstein Medical Center in a private vehicle and died a short time later. The man's identity has not yet been released. There is no word on a motive, and no arrests have been made. METRO

Local tweet

"Things not to say on the #septa "people live too long, you know?" (Everyone changes seats)"

@HILLUMINATIONS IS WISHING HE HADN'T OVERHEARD THAT CONVERSATION YESTERDAY

In the news

Stepdad arrested after boy brings gun to school

WEST PHILADELPHIA. Authorities have made an arrest in the case of a 7-year-old Universal Daroff Charter student who allegedly brought a loaded gun to school in his backpack.

Police last week took into custody the boy's stepfather, Tarron Wescott, 22, of Kingsessing.

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▶ Wescott

Wescott was arraigned Friday and charged with endangering the welfare of a child and reckless endangerment. His trial is set for Feb. 27. He is currently jailed in lieu of 10 percent of $200,000 bail. METRO

AG closes 'Florida loophole' for gun permits

PHILADELPHIA. District Attorney Kathleen Kane on Friday closed the so-called "Florida loophole," a reciprocity agreement that allowed Pennsylvanians whose concealed carry gun permits were denied or revoked to legally obtain them from the Sunshine State. Kane estimates that 4,000 Pennsylvanians currently hold Florida concealed carry permits They have until June 8 to apply for concealed carry permits in their county. METRO/AW

Outdoorsmen give green to Pa.

PENNSYLVANIA. The 1.42 million outdoorsmen that hunted or fished in Pennsylvania spent a combined $1.5 billion in the state in 2011, according to data recently released by the Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation.

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In the news

Dumped dogs were bitten to death

▶ Bengal believes the suspects are from the South Philadelphia area.

PHILADELPHIA. Autopsy results have revealed that six dead pit bulls found in South Philadelphia succumbed to bite wounds, Pennsylvania SPCA officials said yesterday.

"It appears that the animals were used in dog fighting," PSPCA director of Humane Law Enforcement George Bengal said. "These animals appeared to be losers in a fight and the remains were dumped there at that location."

He said railroad workers on Jan. 30 found the dogs' bodies stuffed in garbage bags near 26th Street and Washington Avenue. The PSPCA is now offering a $2,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of those responsible for their deaths.

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Opinion

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AVERAGE GUY GIVES SOME LOVE ADVICE

In this column, I will be giving some relationship advice. "Hmm," you must be asking, "is this guy some kind of a psychologist? A couples counselor? Doctor of Love?" No, not really, but for those who have followed my history, let's just say I have dated quite a bit — quite a bit.

Yes, I was married. It didn't work. I fell in and out of love more times than I wish to count and had my share of really meaningless relationships. I was always looking for that someone so special. You know, "This is the one, I just know it" and then three weeks later you're downing a few cocktails with buddies and thinking, "What was I thinking?"

It's so tough to find that someone that fits in with your complexities — the perfect soul mate. But as of today I believe I found that someone and, yes, I'm in love and engaged to be married. So with years of experience I'm here to listen to you and give you some honest advice from just an average dude.

Quoted

Going out with your buddies once a week is fine, but it's totally unacceptable not to come home at all.

This woman writes she is "tired of dating a manchild." She is 30 years old and so is he. They've been together for five years and live together and are both stable financially and in their careers. She states they have never really discussed their future together as far as marriage and kids. He insists on going out one night a week with the boys and comes home drunk or not at all. She doesn't think he is cheating on her, but she worries his friends may pressure him into doing things. She's not sure if he will ever grow up and settle down with her or anybody. He has never talked about his partying or future. She doesn't want to give him an ultimatum or push him into something he doesn't want to do, but she doesn't want to be stuck with someone who will never become an adult.

No. 1, you definitely need to have a big "we need to talk" talk. Going out with your buddies once a week is fine, but its totally unacceptable not to come home at all. This isn't on his friends, it's on him.

And asking him about your future together is not an ultimatum, but a genuine concern. By the looks of this, you have every reason to have your doubts. You need to confront this now. You sound like a loyal and loving woman who just wants her man to be the same.

Finally, it seems like your man child might not be ready to truly commit at this time. Don't be so available — let him think he might actually lose you, because I believe he actually will. It's on both of you to save this. Stay strong!

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▶ A frosty rendition of Robert Indiana's iconic "Love" statue was one of 40 sculptures commissioned for Manayunk businesses.

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Manayunk gets put on ice

Forty specially commissioned ice sculptures graced local storefronts this weekend as a part of the third annual Manayunk on Ice festival. The celebration, which this year took on a Valentine's Day theme, is billed as the region's only "extreme ice carving invitational." The event's highlights included an opening night ice bonfire and a theatrical ice carving show. The festival wrapped up Sunday with a competition featuring professional carvers battling one-on-one to see who could craft the coolest creation in 30 minutes. Viewers voted for their favorite sculpture, which was awarded a People's Choice Award. Entries included an embellished Phillies "P" and a painstaking rendition of the Titanic. METRO

Chinese New Year parade ushers in year of the snake

Philadelphians gathered in Chinatown yesterday to celebrate the start of Chinese New Year during the Philadelphia Chinatown Development Corporation's annual parade.

"People light firecrackers and make big sounds," said Ling Quan, a world language teacher at Reynolds Middle School in Lancaster who brought a group of students to see the festivities. "It's a tradition to drive bad luck away, because today is the beginning of the new year and the spring season and everyone wants to have good luck."

The celebration also featured a lion dance performed by youth nonprofit Philadelphia Suns. Residents made monetary offerings in red paper envelopes and decorated windows and doors with red paper cutouts — all customs also believed to bring good fortune.

Still, not all of yesterday's participants came for the celebration's ritual meanings. "It's loud and exciting," said Lauren Cook, who attended spectacle for the first time with a group of friends who hailed from as far as Montreal and Brazil.

Though they didn't know the traditional meanings behind all of the rituals, the group said they enjoyed their visit.

RIKARD LARMA/METRO

▶ Children were wowed by the colorul parade costumes.

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The snake brings changes

In addition to prosperity, participants ushered in the year of the snake.

"It's one of the 12 signs of the Chinese zodiac," Quan said.

Many astrologists say the sly mythological qualities attributed to the reptile means the year may bring unexpected turns of events. Still, the possibility of economic prosperity remains strong as long as investors stay away from financial speculation, according to the South China Morning Post.

The Chinese zodiac also assigns one of five elements to each year. For 2013, that is water, an element closely associated with rebirth and new beginnings, according to Feng Shui expert and hypnotherapist Mary Shurtleff.

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Obama to outline economic growth plan in State of Union

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▶ Obama's State of the Union speech will focus on middle-class jobs.

President Barack Obama will describe his plan for spurring the economy in his State of the Union address tomorrow, offering proposals for investments in infrastructure, manufacturing, clean energy and education, a senior administration official said.

In the annual presidential address to Congress, Obama plans to show he has not lost sight of the economic woes of middle-class Americans — issues that dominated the 2012 election campaign but have been overshadowed recently by efforts to cut the deficit, overhaul immigration laws and curb gun violence.

"The potential success of his second term is hugely dependent on the rate at which the economy grows," said Ruy Teixeira, a political scientist with the liberal-leaning Center for American Progress.

"There's no problem the Democrats have that can't be solved with faster growth.

Conversely, there's not much they'll be able to do if growth stays slow."

Obama previewed his economic growth plan in a speech to House of Representatives Democrats this week, telling them he would stress the importance of education, development of clean energy and infrastructure.

There were no details on the new initiatives for infrastructure, manufacturing, clean energy and education, elements first reported by The New York Times.

But any new spending will face tough opposition from Republicans in Congress who are focused on cutting spending and reducing the deficit.

Obama has urged Congress to take steps to postpone harsh government spending cuts slated to take effect on March 1, and the White House took pains on Friday to describe how the cuts would affect ordinary Americans' lives.

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Cut a deal

Obama has said he is willing to cut a "big deal" with Republicans to trim spending on the Medicare and Social Security programs for the elderly, but he has insisted on ending long-standing tax breaks for oil companies, private equity firms and corporate jet owners to create more revenue for government.

In the news

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▶ Bourbon Street

Mardi Gras shooting leaves four wounded, one in guarded condition

NEW ORLEANS. New Orleans police are investigating a shooting that wounded four people on the city's famed Bourbon Street as crowds gathered for the city's annual Mardi Gras celebrations.

One man was in guarded condition after being shot in the abdomen, upper thigh and pelvic area Saturday night, police said in a statement yesterday.

Another man was hit in the buttocks, one woman was shot in the toe and a second woman was struck in the chin and foot, police said. **REUTERS**

NATO Afghan force gets new American Marine commander

KABUL. The U.S. Marine Corps general who will oversee the withdrawal of most foreign troops from Afghanistan and wind down America's longest war took command of NATO-led forces yesterday at a change-of-command ceremony that emphasized Afghan sovereignty.

Gen. Joseph Dunford took charge of the International Security Assistance Force from Marine Corps Gen. John Allen, who ended a 19-month tour that was arguably one of the most difficult periods in the war, now in its 11th year. **REUTERS**

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News in brief

Lew

Treasury pick to be grilled on Citi bonus

Jack Lew, President Barack Obama's pick to be U.S. Treasury secretary, is expected to come under fire for the administration's budget policies and a nearly $1 million bonus he received from bailed-out bank Citigroup when he testifies on Wednesday before a Senate panel.

The hearing will briefly become ground zero in budget battle. Republicans have signaled that Lew, Obama's former chief of staff and budget director, will be critiqued for his role in preparing proposals that piled on deficits. REUTERS

$1M Lew's bonus he earned from Citigroup

GOP's Cantor: Children of illegal immigrants should get citizenship

A top U.S. Republican lawmaker said yesterday that he would support granting citizenship to children who are in the country illegally, in a sign that conservatives who oppose immigration amnesty will be playing defense as Congress takes on immigration reform in the coming months.

Rep. Eric Cantor, the No. 2 Republican in the House of Representatives, said Congress could make quick progress on immigration if lawmakers agreed to give citizenship to children — an idea he opposed when it came up for a vote in 2010 as the DREAM Act.

"The best place to begin, I think, is with the children. Let's go ahead and get that under our belt, put a win on the board," Cantor said on NBC's "Meet the Press."

Cantor is leading an effort to improve his party's image as many Republicans worry they will be consigned to irrelevancy in coming years if they do not reach out to the fast-growing Latino electorate.

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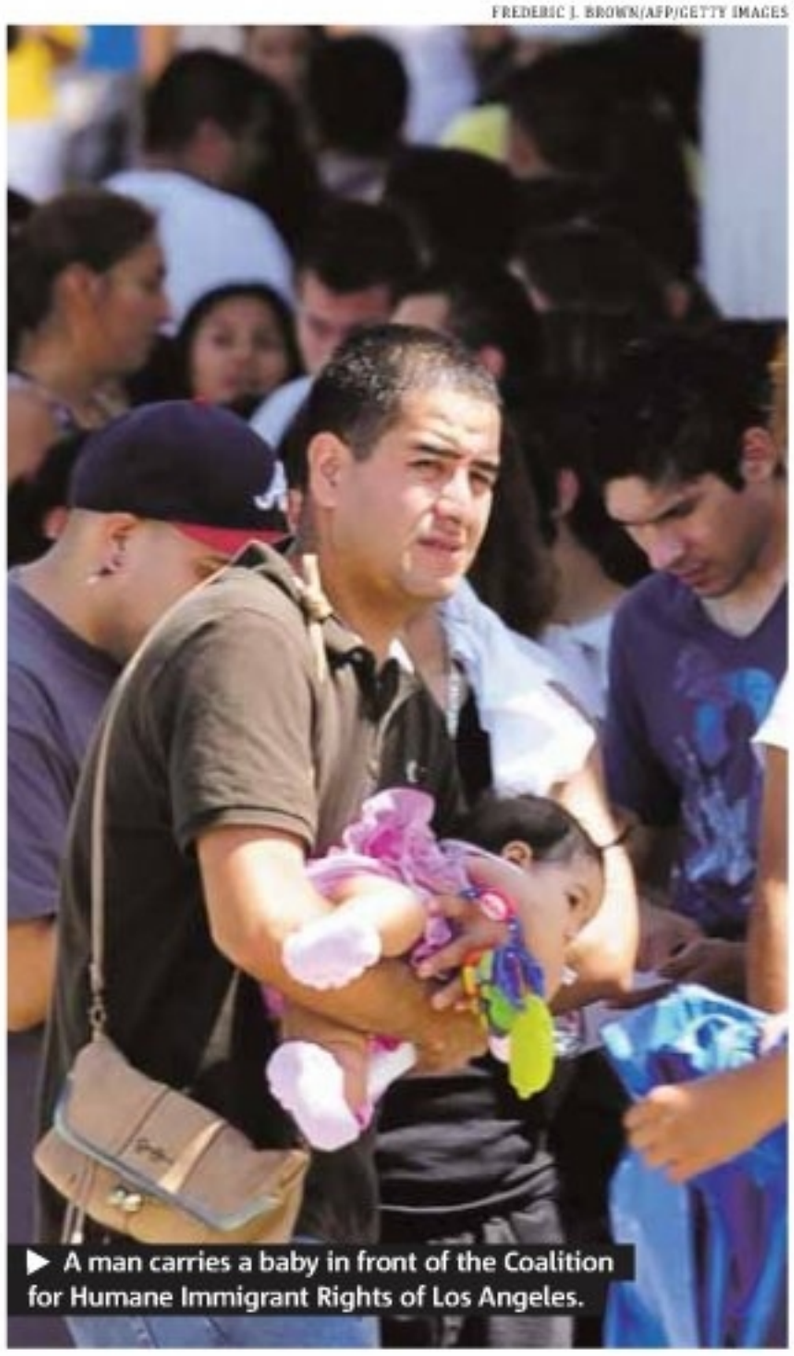
▶ A man carries a baby in front of the Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights of Los Angeles.

Evangelicals show support for reform

Thou shalt compromise, at least on immigration reform.

That is the message being heard from some leading evangelicals in the United States. After decades of promoting traditionally conservative causes like opposition to abortion, many evangelical leaders are now wielding their formidable influence to persuade Republican lawmakers to back one of President Barack Obama's top priorities. With Hispanic attendance at their churches rising, these evangelicals are among the loudest advocates of a U.S. immigration reform.

A group of pastors has launched a 40-day campaign to have churchgoers pray, read scripture passages about welcoming the stranger and lobby their members of Congress, many of them in the conservative South. REUTERS

Quoted

"There are 11 million people living in the shadows. I believe that they deserve to come out of the shadows."
MCCAIN

Obama has made immigration reform a top priority of his second term in office and a bipartisan group of senators is working to draft legislation.

Sen. John McCain, who is involved in that effort, said his group aims to provide a path to citizenship for all of those who are in the United States illegally, not just children, as long as border security is tightened. REUTERS

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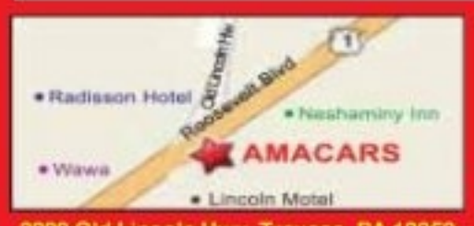

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Music's biggest night?

Grammys overdo it with duets Why are rappers announcing country music winners?

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To varied effect, the Grammys continued with its tradition of pairing young musicians with legends. This works well on playlists when you want to make a local act seem on par with stadium-filling rock stars, but the problem with doing it year after year in live performance is that it cheapens the innovative approach.

The formula did work occasionally, such as when the Black Keys augmented their usual bare bones duo sound with Dr. John and the wall of horns that is the Preservation Hall Jazz Band and on the tribute to The Band. But elsewhere, the jams were disjointed and uncomfortable, as with Alicia Keys and Maroon 5 doing "Girl on Fire" together. And Elton John added little more to Ed Sheeran's Song of the Year-nominated "The A Team" than giving host LL Cool J a chance to make a joke at a young Twitter who needed to look up #sireltonjohn.

While it's admirable that the Grammys attempt to bridge musical gaps, there are some valleys that are just too wide. Miguel and Wiz Khalifa delivered one of the early successful pairings last night with a brief mashup performance of the former's Song of the Year-nominated "Adorn." But having them announce the winner for Best Country Solo Performance made no sense. **PAT HEALY**

▶ Elton John and Ed Sheeran make an odd couple indeed.

Quoted

"I don't know what I was thinking, writing the chorus of this song. If this is in H-D, then everyone can see our faces and we are definitely not young."

JACK ANTONOFF OF FUN. UPON WINNING THE SONG OF THE YEAR GRAMMY FOR "WE ARE YOUNG"

▶ Wiz Khalifa and Miguel

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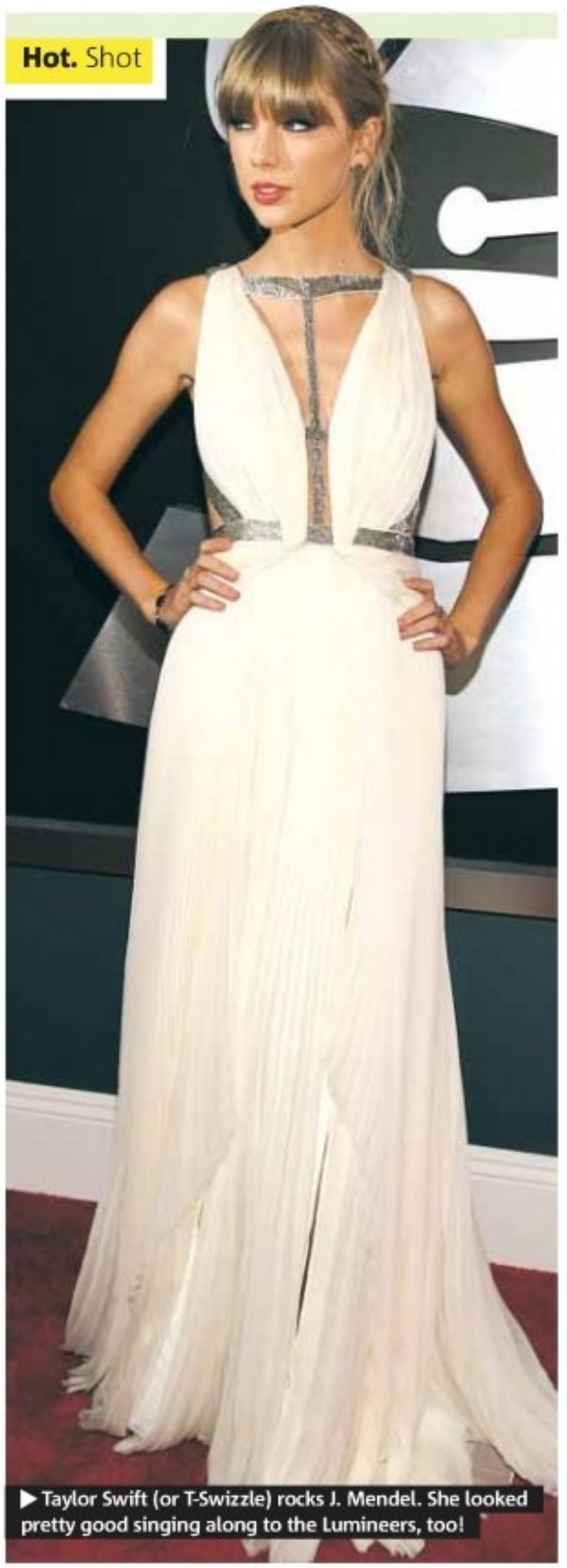

▶ Taylor Swift (or T-Swizzle) rocks J. Mendel. She looked pretty good singing along to the Lumineers, too!

Eat your heart out, Harry Styles

Winners

- **Album of the Year:** Mumford & Sons "Babel"
- **Record of the Year:** Gotye, featuring Kimbra "Somebody That I Used To Know"
- **Best New Artist:** fun.
- **Song of the Year:** fun. "We Are Young"
- **Best New Artist:** fun.
- **Best Pop Vocal Album:** Kelly Clarkson "Stronger"
- **Best Pop Solo Performance:** Adele "Set Fire To The Rain"
- **Best Urban Contemporary Album:** Frank Ocean "channel ORANGE"
- **Best Dance Recording:** Skrillex featuring Sirah "Bangarang"
- **Best Traditional Pop Vocal Album:** Paul McCartney "Kisses On The Bottom"
- **Best Hard Rock/Metal Performance:** Halestorm "Love Bites (So Do I)"
- **Best Rock Song:** Black Keys "Lonely Boy"
- **Best Rock Album:** Black Keys "El Camino"
- **Best Alternative Music Album:** Gotye "Making Mirrors"
- **Best Traditional R&B Performance:** Beyonce "Love on Top"
- **Best Rap Performance:** Jay-Z and Kanye West "N****s In Paris"
- **Best Rap Album:** Drake "Take Care"

Getting together

One of the fun things about the Grammys is watching these famous people interact with and address each other. Here are our favorite moments from last night, where stars called each other by name.

- Host **LL Cool J** tries out a hip-hop nickname on **Taylor Swift:** "I'm happy to say that my friend T-Swizzle has already won an award."
- **Adele** calls J.Lo her good luck charm.
- **Neil Patrick Harris** introduces the night's big winners, **fun.**: They're so awesome that they might want to change the period in their name to an exclamation point.
- **Kelly Clarkson** learns a little something about new R&B: "**Miguel**, I don't know who the hell you are but we need to sing together."

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This weekend was one big party

1: After initially canceling a show at Mohegan Sun due to the weather, **Bon Jovi** and co. decided to surprise snowed-in guests and employees at the resort with an impromptu free concert on Saturday.

2: Katy Perry and **Miley Cyrus** hammed it up at the 55th Annual Grammy Awards Pre-Grammy Gala at the Beverly Hilton on Feb. 9.

3: Just another ordinary day for **Tom Cruise**: The actor fielded paparazzi while out and about in London on Saturday.

4: Also at the Pre-Grammy Gala, this odd couple: singer **Sasha Gradiva** and **David Spade.**

5: And speaking of odd couples, here's child bride **Courtney Stodden** and her husband **Doug Hutchison** at the premiere of her music video "Reality" in Hollywood on Saturday. Someone — anyone — please pass the Pepto.

6: Is it us, or is **Peter Sarsgaard** looking more and more like meltdown-phase **Joaquin Phoenix** these days? The actor was at the premiere of "Lovelace" at the 63rd Berlinale International Film Festival in Berlin on Saturday.

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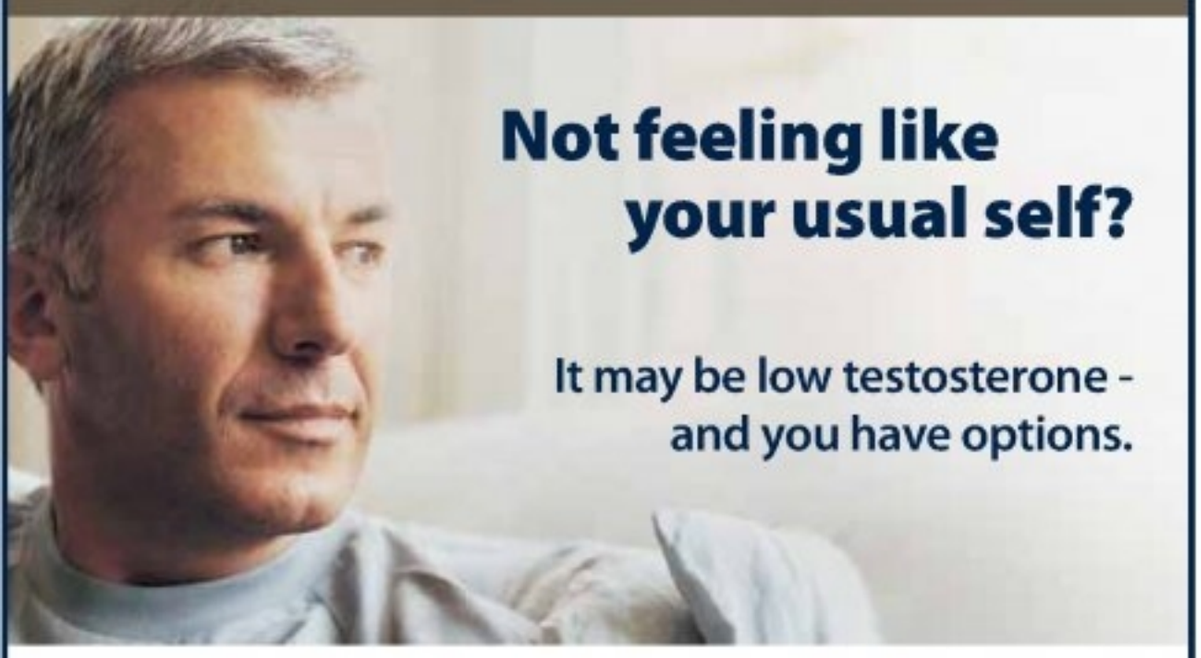

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A MODEL NEW SHOW

Contrary to what you might think, 'The Face' is no 'America's Next Top Model'
'They both have their place in different ways,' host Nigel Barker tells us

"America's Next Top Model" has met its match: Oxygen's new reality show, "The Face," showcases the journeys of 12 unknown models competing to go from obscurity to superstardom. The models are placed into teams where they are coached by some of the fashion industry's most renowned leaders: models Naomi Campbell, Coco Rocha, Karolina Kurkova and former "America's Next Top Model" judge and photographer Nigel Barker.

Barker, on how "The Face" differs from "ANTM": "They both have their place in different ways. Obviously, 'Top Model' was a huge success and I loved working on it for 18 seasons. It's on its 20th season [and] this is our first season. 'The Face' had to distinguish itself. There are no judges. We've got three different [models]. You get their vision on what made them big and what's important to them as a supermodel. You never really see that on any other reality show."

Nigel's new job

Barker, on going from a judge to a host:

"As a judge, previously, I only saw them once in a blue moon, but now I'm with them every day, 24/7. ... Everyone is there to help and build. There are no judges."

Catch "The Face," starring, from left to right, Karolina Kurkova, Coco Rocha, Nigel Barker and Naomi Campbell, tomorrow night at 9 on Oxygen.

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Rocha, on how her work with the Council of Fashion Designers of America on healthy body image helped her on "The Face": "It was Anna Wintour who gave me that platform [to] talk to the CFDA on behalf of the models and to the world. Every time I talk about it, I get such great feedback and I think, 'Why don't I continue?'"

Kurkova, on seeing changes in her team of models: "Each girl [had] a different journey and experience, but with all of them I saw huge changes. Everything we made them do was what this industry was about and what they're gonna face."

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TV watch list

'Fashion Police'

REALITY. Joan Rivers and her sartorially minded crew dissect the fabulous highs and extreme lows from last night's Grammys red carpet. As always, the claws are sure to come out as the gang takes a look at more of the zaniness that defines Rihanna, Taylor Swift and other chart-toppers. **9 p.m., E!**

The Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show

SPECIAL. After an arduous Monday at the office, settle down with the best furry friends you can find. This year adds two new breeds to the lineup — the treeing Walker coonhound and the Russell terrier. Tonight's portion will feature the hound, toy, non-sporting and herding groups. **USA Network and CNBC, 8 p.m.**

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▶ A scene from last year's Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show.

'Inside Comedy'

TALK SHOW. The Season 2 premiere of Showtime's intimate comedy-centric talk show finds host David Steinberg sitting down with Louis C.K. and the legendary Bob Newhart. Steinberg has said he does no prep work for the show's interviews, so there's no telling what may happen with those guys on board. **Season premiere, 11 p.m., Showtime**

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▶ Melissa McCarthy swipes America's wallets.

'Thief' steals the weekend box office

Box office

"Identity Thief," a comedy starring television's "Mike & Molly" star Melissa McCarthy as a frizzy-haired con artist, collected $36.6 million in ticket sales in the United States and Canada to take the box office title in its first weekend of release.

The film, produced by Jason Bateman, who plays the hapless guy whose identity is stolen by McCarthy's character, easily swiped the top rung from last week's No. 1 movie, the zombie love story "Warm Bodies," which earned $11.5 million. "Warm Bodies" has earned more than $36.6 million in its run.

Director Steven Soderbergh's crime drama "Side Effects," which stars Jude Law and Rooney Mara, came in third with domestic ticket sales of $10 million, according to studio estimates.

"Silver Linings Playbook," still benefiting from the buzz surrounding the Oscar nominations for its four stars, as well as a Best Picture nod, was fourth with $6.9 million. It has generated total ticket sales of more than $90 million.

The modern take on the fairy tale "Hansel and Gretel," in which the grown-up siblings hunt witches, was fifth with $5.7 million. **REUTERS**

Top 5 earners

1. **"Identity Thief,"** $36.6 million
2. **"Warm Bodies,"** $11.5 million
3. **"Side Effects,"** $10 million
4. **"Silver Linings Playbook,"** $6.9 million
5. **"Hansel and Gretel: Witch Hunters,"** $5.7 million

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Top 40 chillwave

Toro Y Moi's Chaz Bundick further expands his sonic pallet on 'Anything in Return' 'As long as I can keep my head on, it's OK,' he says Singer doesn't regret a thing in his recorded past

ANDREW PAYNTER

▶ Bundick says when he performs live he sometimes feels like he sounds like a Toro Y Moi cover band.

Soft-spoken Chaz Bundick (aka Toro Y Moi) has kept his bearings since his hazy, synth-driven bedroom-breakout "Causers of This" put him on the map in 2010. While his splash put him into the chillwave scene that also included other newbies like Washed Out and Neon Indian, inspirational (and operational) changes came soon for the South Carolina native. His 2011 follow-up "Underneath the Pine" saw him incorporate more live instruments and a band into his idiosyncratic laptop creations, spanning genres as wide as R&B, hip-hop, indie rock and '60s pop.

"Anything in Return" continues the evolution of Toro Y Moi's sound by adding in deep disc-digging doses of down-tempo R&B, ambient hip-hip, underground disco and '90s diva house to the mix. At times it mirrors the retro lo-fi charm of its predecessors, but predominately it is the most polished, well-produced and eccentric work in his brief catalog.

"I was really trying to mess around with that Top 40 sound to see if I could come close to what they do, even just as an experiment," says Bundick, who plays all the music and sings vocals on his records. "As long as I can keep my head on, it's OK."

"Anything In Return" plays out like a heavily textured, almost claustrophobic house mix of Bundick's current favorite sounds. Where some tracks such as "Harm in Change" keep the layers heavy, others such as "Touch" bring it down to just a few mellow tones and the cricket-like chirp of a drum machine. Lost mostly in the mix is Bundick's own voice, which quietly coexists with the soulful samples (mostly ultra-short clips of female singers) that he drops on numerous tracks. "She knows I work hard," he sings on "Cake"— alluding to what he calls the album's central theme: being away from loved ones for the first time.

"Anything" might not be Toro Y Moi's most accessible work, but fans seeking new explorations won't be disappointed.

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Toro's new toys

At times, the multiple layers of keys and percussion make Toro Y Moi's music hard to pull off live — so much so that Bundick jokes about sounding "like a cover band" of his own music.

But he says trying to use a broad spectrum of instruments live and especially in the studio is something he wouldn't turn back on.

"When I listen to 'Causers of This,' all I hear is laptops. God, I wish those were real keys. But that's in the past and not really worth regretting."

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The question

"I know my self-esteem is pretty low, and it especially gets bad around Valentine's Day because I'm the only one of my friends without a boyfriend. Sometimes I feel like a loser and think something must be wrong with me. What can I do?"

There's a sad irony that a fifth-century holiday designed to honor love has become synonymous with torture for singles. Surely it's not easy being the only unattached one among your circle of friends when the world is painted hearts and roses. But without knowing your history, I can tell that your problem isn't with the holiday; it's with the way you feel about yourself.

All loving relationships begin with loving yourself. Calling yourself a "loser" and wondering what's "wrong with you" will not help you feel better. It will only make you feel worse.

Studies show that our thoughts affect our feelings. According to cognitive behavioral therapy, thinking of yourself as a "loser" is an example of "labeling," one of 10 common thinking errors attributed to the causes of depression and anxiety. Thinking errors are distorted ways we've been conditioned to interpret what happens to us. Labeling, for example, is defined as making a character judgment about yourself (or another), instead of looking at behaviors that may be contributing to your problems. And because of the way our brains are wired, one negative thought often leads to another — i.e., "I'll never be loved" — which can spiral to depression.

You can see for yourself how negative thoughts affect your self-esteem. Close your eyes, focus on your breath, and pay attention to what it feels like when you tell yourself, "There's something wrong with me." Do you feel good, or do you feel sad and ashamed? Whatever your answer, that is the energy you're putting out.

Now close your eyes and notice the bodily sensations when you silently say to yourself several times, "I am loveable and I accept myself unconditionally." Even if you don't fully believe these affirmations yet, you may still notice a subtle shift in your mood.

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New jobs and manufacturing reports show economic promise

The economy definitely has forward momentum Data contrasts markedly with an earlier government report that said it shrank

WASHINGTON. Employment grew modestly in January and job gains in the previous two months were larger than first reported, a counterpunch to recent data that suggested a tepid economic recovery had stalled at the end of last year.

Adding to that optimism, separate reports showed factory activity hit a nine-month high in January as new orders rebounded, while car and truck sales surged and consumer confidence perked.

The reports, which helped propel U.S. stock markets to their highest levels in more than five years, contrasted markedly with a government report earlier in the week that said the economy shrank unexpectedly in the final months of 2012, albeit for what most economists consider fleeting reasons.

"It is clear that the economy has a forward momentum. Most pistons in the economic engine are firing, pointing to sustained economic growth," said Sung Won Sohn, an economics professor at California State University Channel Islands.

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PROF. SUNG WON SOHN, CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, CHANNEL ISLANDS

Employers added 157,000 jobs last month and 127,000 more jobs were created in November and December than previously reported, the Labor Department said. Revisions performed each January to the prior year's data showed the labor market was healthier in 2012 than initially thought.

While the unemployment rate rose 0.1 percentage point to 7.9 percent, the closely watched report showed an increase in hourly earnings and solid gains in construction and retail employment.

Separately, the Institute for Supply Management said its index of national factory activity rose to 53.1 last month, the highest level since April, from 50.2 in December. A reading over 50 suggests expansion in the manufacturing sector.

Activity was boosted by a bounce back in orders and inventories, as well as gains in employment. That offered hope manufacturing will continue to support the economy. **REUTERS**

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By the numbers

157K
Jobs added by employers last month

127K
More jobs created in the months of November 2012 and December 2012 than were previously reported

0.1%
Rise in the national unemployment rate, tempered by the increase in hourly earnings and solid gains in construction and retail employment

53.1
Index number of national factory activity, rated by the Institute for Supply Management, which indicates expansion in the manufacturing sector

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Office Assistant – A large non-profit in Northeast Philadelphia is in search of an Office Assistant. The Office Assistant must be tech savvy and have 2+ years of administrative background. The duties include mail merges, creating and updating PowerPoint slides, answering and directing phone calls, updating and maintaining databases, and keeping the calendar. The pay rate is $11-$13/hour.

Human Resources Assistant - Norristown Non-Profit is seeking a Human Resources Assistant for a long term project. This position could be a temporary to full-time opportunity for the right candidate. This Human Resources Assistant is required to have intermediate MS Word and MS Excel skills and have experience doing recruiting. The duties include: assisting with recruiting, pulling resumes, setting up/ scheduling interviews, entering new employee information into a company database, possibly attending career fairs, maintaining employee files, copying and other general clerical functions.

Executive Administrative Assistant - OfficeTeam is working with a Bala Cynwyd, PA organization seeking an Executive Administrative Assistant to support VP Level executives. Candidate must have strong written and verbal communication skills. Must understand that they will be handling confidential information. 3 plus years of Administrative Assistant experience and intermediate MS Word, MS Excel, MS PowerPoint, and Desktop Publishing.

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How to make LinkedIn work for you

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Finding a new job may be as easy as adding a photo to your LinkedIn profile. Nicole Williams, spokeswoman for the site and career coach extraordinaire, shows us how to make the world's largest professional networking site work for us.

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▶ Nicole Williams is a spokeswoman for LinkedIn.

1 Add more than one position. "Your profile is 12 times more likely to be viewed if you have more than one position listed. It really is worth taking the time, even if you worked in a different industry. A friend once said 'I used to work in nursing years back and now I'm in marketing. There's no connection between it.' It turns out that Proctor and Gamble was looking for someone who had a background in medicine and that was what ended up putting her ahead. So list positions including internships and volunteer work.

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Orleans Technical Institute in Northeast Philadelphia is enrolling now for its skills training program in Carpentry, which starts in April 2013. Learning the trade of Carpentry opens up a wide variety of jobs in construction, installation, renovation and repair work. Orleans graduates are prepared for employment as carpenters, carpentry assistants, carpentry apprentices, maintenance carpenters, finish carpenters, house repairers, door installers, cabinet and trim installers, lay-out workers, framers, assemblers, and woodworkers.

Training at Orleans is hands-on. Orleans' instructors have industry experience and teach the technical skills that employers are looking for. In just 6 months, Carpentry students build a house to scale in order to experience framing, drywall, rough and fine finishing, siding, shingled roofing, and door and window installation. Students learn blueprint reading and also construct a full-size deck and staircase. The curriculum includes in-demand "green skills," including dismantling houses and recycling wood, working with engineered lumber and manufactured wood, insulation, weatherstripping and more.

The Dept. of Labor Projects That Employment of Carpenters is Expected to Increase

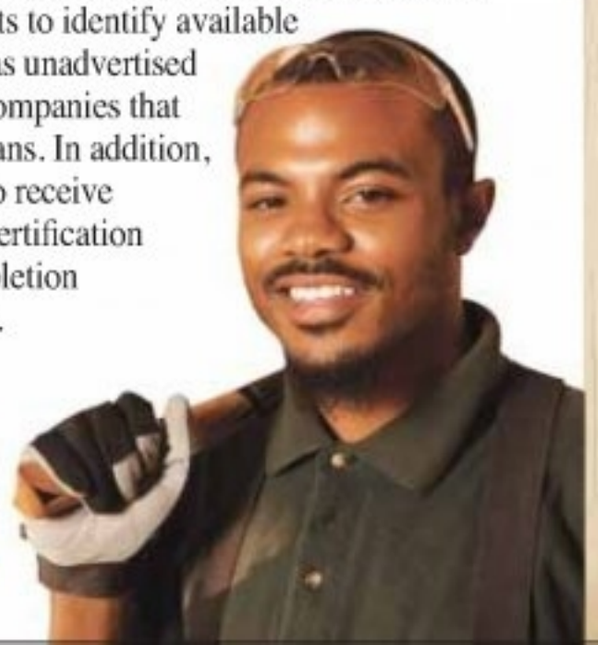
20%

During 2010–20 Decade*

* Source: Dept. of Labor 3/29/12

"The classroom experience at Orleans is as close as you can get to a real-life application," said Lee Friedman, a Carpentry instructor since 2009 and former Orleans grad. "We give students a well-rounded introduction to many aspects of Carpentry. Students leave here with confidence and know enough to accomplish big projects."

With a history of success for nearly 40 years and newer training facility using the latest equipment and tools, Orleans Tech prepares students for a new future in the growing building trades field. Upon completion of their training, students receive job search assistance, working one-on-one with Orleans Tech employment specialists to identify available job positions as well as unadvertised openings with local companies that like to hire from Orleans. In addition, students are eligible to receive industry-recognized certification upon successful completion of certification exams.



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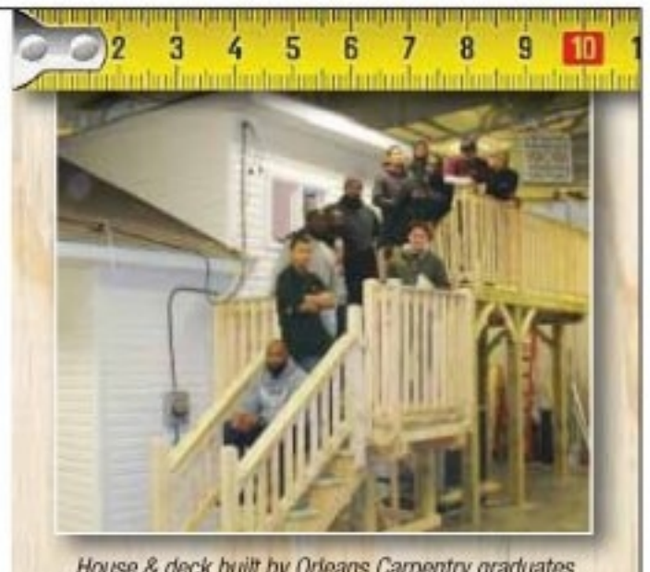

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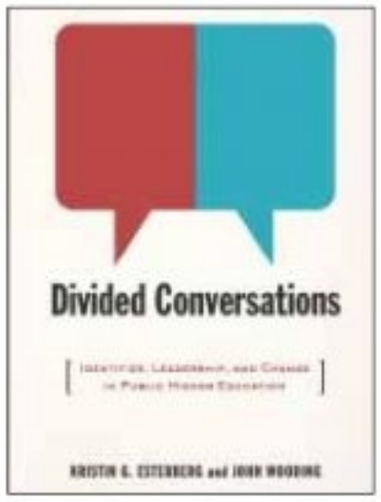
Talking it out in higher education

Former University of Massachusetts Lowell administrators Kristin G. Esterberg and John Wooding know their way around a classroom. They each spent years on faculty before taking leadership positions.

Frustrated with the distorted perceptions on both sides of the faculty-administration divide, the pair embarked on an ambitious study. Esterberg and Wooding conducted extensive interviews on eight public university campuses.

The result — "Divided Conversations: Identities, Leadership and Change in Public Higher Education" — will be released this week by Vanderbilt University Press.

"The deepest identifications that faculty tend to have is with their disciplines," Esterberg says. "It can be hard to see the university as a whole, yet we have to develop a curriculum that is campus-wide," she says.



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Kristen G. Esterberg earned a Ph.D. in sociology from Cornell University. She is currently the provost of Salem State University.

"Administrators often spend a lot of time dealing with a few of the most difficult faculty issues. They can get very focused on those problems and not notice the positive work the faculty is doing as a whole."

With dwindling public dollars, the authors found a growing pique in arguments between faculty and leadership. Esterberg says they also looked for shared goals such as the desire for state-funded public education.

"Whether they know it or not, faculty and administrators are both deeply concerned about the students, but we're going to have to start traveling across this border if we're going to serve them."

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Biology and beer on tap

Lectures at cafes and restaurants in Fla. spur scientific learning With a side of Tater Tots

ORLANDO. Americans are turning away from the hard sciences at colleges, but they are showing up at "science cafes" to listen to lectures over a drink or a meal. Want a beer with that biology? Or a burger topped by the theory of everything?

Science cafes have sprouted in almost every state. Sean Walsh, 27, a graphic designer, describes himself as a layman in the Orlando cafe he attended.

"We just want to learn and whatever we take in, we take in," said Walsh, who a drank beer, ate Tater Tots and learned about asteroids and radiation at two recent events.

The U.S. science cafe movement grew out of Cafe Scientifique in the United Kingdom. The first Cafe Scientifique in 1998 was a regular event where people could attend forums about the latest in science and technology.

The typical participant brings a college-level education or at least a lively curiosity, says Edward Haddad, executive director of the Florida Academy of Sciences, which helped start the cafe.

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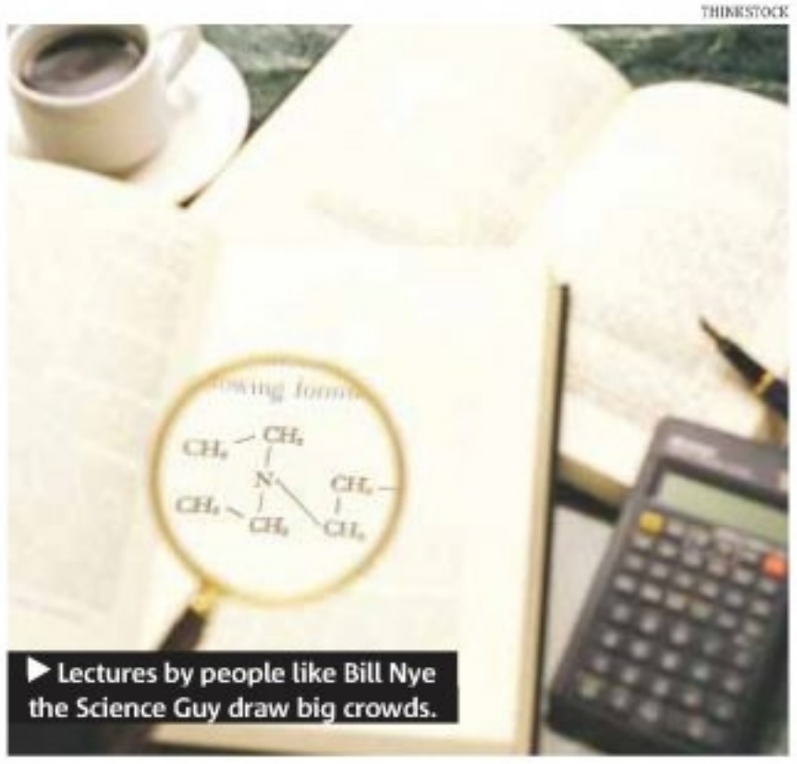

Lectures by people like Bill Nye the Science Guy draw big crowds.

"You're going to engage the NPR crowd very easily here."
LINDA WALTERS, MARINE CONVERSATION BIOLOGIST AND SCIENCE CAFE LECTURER

Haddad said the current national push to increase the number of U.S. graduates in science, technology, engineering and math, or the STEM fields, is driving up interest in the cafes.

Anyone with a venue, a speaker and a marketing plan can start a cafe. Cafes can be found across the United States and around the globe from Islamabad, Pakistan, to Antwerp, Belgium, to the Hawaiian islands. **REUTERS**

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The perks of a green office

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▶ There are big and small ways to change how eco-friendly your office is.

Going green isn't a fad, it's a way of life — even at the office. That recycling bin in the break room was a start, but there are dozens of other changes that can make the workplace eco-friendlier and save the company some cash.

Adjusting the habits of office mates is the first step in creating a greener office. "Begin with behavior change," suggests Rob Fleming, architect and director of Philadelphia University's master's program in sustainable design. "Studies show a 6-percent energy savings just by getting employees to turn off lights and computers when not in use," he adds. The benefits will be in the electric bill, too.

Robin Wilson's design firm, Robin Wilson Home, was responsible for the greening of Bill Clinton's office in Harlem. "Buy furniture made out of recycled materials and sustainably harvested woods," she says. "Make sure you are using the latest and greenest light bulbs," she suggests, which will cut energy costs.

Chip Mims is the CEO of his beer distributor, Mims Distributing, and believes in making big-picture decisions: He obtained his company's solar roof system, which supports 30 percent of the building's energy needs. "It only makes sense to invest in green technology, especially if you are considering the construction or renovation of a building," he says.

Whether you're making drastic changes or taking little steps, working with the environment, rather than against it, can benefit you, your employees and your budget.

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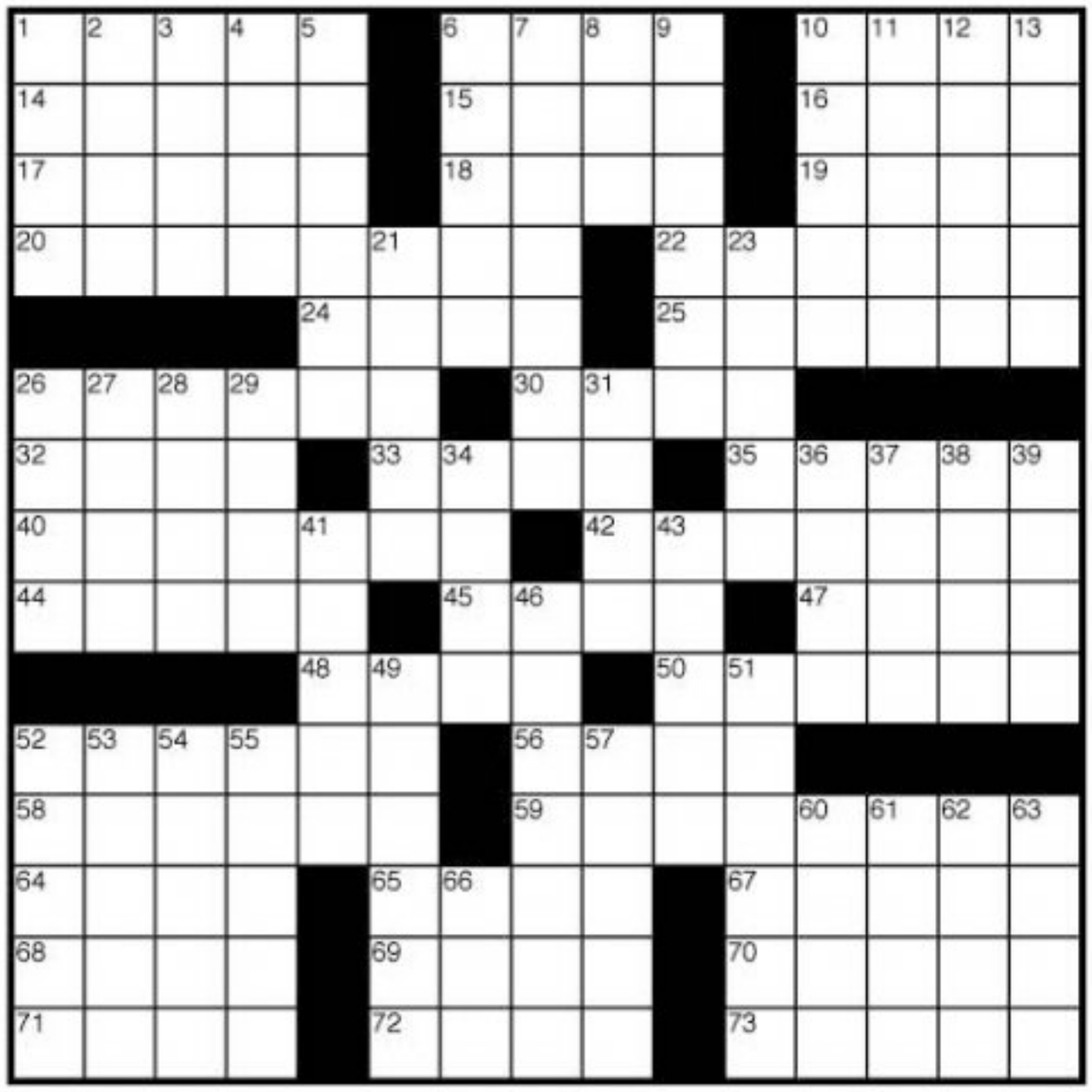

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Cancer **June 21-July 22.** Should an opportunity arise, take the time to help a friend who is always critical of others to see the good in people. It can't hurt to try.

Leo **July 23-Aug. 22.** You might have to deal with some changes that are being initiated by external forces. Don't be too quick to get upset — instead, use your smarts to find a way to offset them.

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Libra **Sept. 23-Oct. 23.** It'll benefit you to devote most of your time and energy to situations that could pay off well. The gains involved could be larger than usual.

Scorpio **Oct. 24-Nov. 22.** You could be much more effective participating in a leadership role than you would doing the grunt work. If you see everyone floundering, step out of the pack and offer some new direction.

Sagittarius **Nov. 23-Dec. 21.** Things have a way of working out to everyone's advantage at present, so don't get disturbed over early, unpromising indicators. It's the final results that count.

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Solution to weekend's crossword

Letters

Due process shouldn't be optional in US

What is "indefinite detention"? It's a law commonly known as NDAA Section 1021. It was passed by Congress in 2012 and again last month. It allows the President to arrest and detain U.S. citizens "indefinitely" — without charges, without trial, without any due process whatsoever.

The government claims they need this law in order to fight terrorism. But NDAA 1021 allows them to throw people in jail without ever having to prove them guilty in open court. If they can do that, they can lock up anybody for any reason.

A federal judge has already declared NDAA 1021 unconstitutional in the lawsuit Hedges v. Obama. Let's demand that Congress do the right thing and repeal this law.

JERRY KANN, VIA E-MAIL

Put out the fire before you rebuild your house

Members of Congress like to remind us that our children and grandchildren will bear the onus if spending is not cut to reduce the deficit. This condemnation induces guilt, but the inherent strategy, alone, will not solve our deficit concerns.

Instead, we should follow the airlines' crisis model: When the oxygen masks drop, parents and guardians are to secure their masks before they secure those of their children.

Our governmental leaders, in conjunction with those in private industry, have to focus on improving our economy and getting families back to work.

Improved family incomes will increase consumer spending and tax revenues, and it will allow parents the dignity to raise their children without government assistance. If we don't create jobs and provide opportunities here, deficit reduction will be the least of worries for our offspring.

GLENN HAYES, VIA E-MAIL

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Sixers. Attendance

▶ The Sixers beat the Charlotte Bobcats 87-76 Saturday with an announced crowd of 15,048.

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Another empty house as the 76ers beat the Bobcats

The Sixers' attendance woes continued Saturday at the Wells Fargo Center. Despite an announced crowd of 15,048, the arena was a sea of empty, red seats. The Sixers have dropped all the way to No. 21 in the entire NBA in attendance figures, according to ESPN. The team is drawing an average crowd of 16,210, a number that Sixers CEO Adam Aron called the sixth-biggest attendance increase in the NBA. Last year, the team ranked No. 14 (17,502) and boasted the largest increase in the league. The Sixers don't release information regarding attendance other than the announced attendance figures for each game, according to Lara Price, senior vice-president of business operations for the Sixers. METRO

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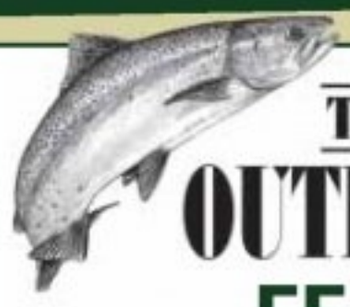

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Sixers coming up empty where it counts most

Frustrated fans unhappy with team Game attendance way down Tickets sell for 4 cents

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▶ There were plenty of empty seats at Saturday night's Sixers-Bobcats game in South Philadelphia.

The Sixers are broken.

Whether you want to blame Andrew Bynum's lingering knee problem or an overall lack of excitement on the court, the team hasn't lived up to expectations this season.

Ownership sold fans the moon after the Bynum trade. Now, the best-case scenario appears to be the eighth playoff spot in the Eastern Conference.

One fed-up fan, Marc Melfi, recently bought an entire row of seats (18 tickets) for 72 cents and gloated about it on Twitter. Melfi's purchase went viral and he has a message for the Sixers.

"You hope that the point comes across to the ownership, that the way things are going and the way they are treating the fans is not acceptable," said Melfi, admitting that the stunt was done partly as a joke. "[Sixers CEO] Adam Aron is pretty much just a hype man. You're watching them get blown out and guys are getting hurt all the time. We got eyes. We're not stupid. We know what's going on."

Aron, a master at using social media to engage fans, joked that Melfi paid too much for his 4-cent seats Friday on the WIP Morning Show.

"You know, we did sell those tickets at full price," Aron said. "So why somebody who bought those tickets from us, at full price, would turn around and resell them for 4 cents, is a ridiculous way to use his tickets."

Maybe. But until the Sixers put together a lengthy winning streak, or until Bynum plays in an actual game, the frustration will continue in the stands high above the Wells Fargo Center floor.

"I recognize they are kind of in a tough position, because I don't want them to rush Bynum back, but you got to treat your fans with a certain level of respect," Melfi said. "You can't think they are so dumb to sell them with, 'This team is young and exciting.' Well, no they are not, so what is the return on the investment? There is none."

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Wyatt pushing for NCAA tournament

Temple star stating case for A-10 Player of Year Wyatt hit 3-pointer to top Dayton Calls AC arrest 'learning experience'

You knew Khalif Wyatt would take the last shot. Down two with just seven seconds to go in front of a raucous Dayton crowd Saturday, Wyatt delivered the game-winning 3-pointer in a 72-71 victory and furthered his case of being voted A-10 and Big 5 Player of the Year.

"For me, it just means that all the hard work I've put in over four years has paid off," said Wyatt on possibly receiving both awards. "With the accolades, I'll always have them and nobody can take them away from me."

Wyatt leads the A-10 in scoring with 18.9 per game, and he's scored at least 18 in the past nine games. He has carried the Owls to a 16-7 overall record despite a weak surrounding cast.

In a 70-69 loss to Saint Joseph's on Feb. 2, Wyatt scored a career-high 34 points and was the only Owl to register a basket from the 8:50 mark in the second half until the final buzzer. Saint Joseph's coach Phil Martelli said Wyatt showed "courage."

"It's cool that people respect the way that I play," said Wyatt. "I like hearing what people say about my game, and that meant a lot coming from Coach Martelli. He's like a Philadelphia legend."

As for the Owls, Wyatt believes that Temple can still reach the goals they set for themselves at the beginning of the season.

"I've been trying to keep the guys positive," said Wyatt. "It's a long season and you're going to go through your rough stretches. We still have a lot of season left. We want to be Atlantic 10 champions and to go to the NCAA tournament, and we still have a chance to do that."

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Moving on

- Wyatt was arrested on his 21st birthday in Atlantic City in a prostitution bust.
- "It was a learning experience, and it's actually helped me a lot. My game has gotten a lot better and I've grown as a person. It was just something that happened and was something in my life I've had to work through."

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▶ Wyatt is averaging 18.9 points per game for Temple this season.

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